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SENATE BILL NO. 145

Introduced by: Senators Koetzle, Abdallah, and Kloucek and Representatives LaRue, Miles, Nesselhuf, and Thompson

- 1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to revise certain provisions regarding pensions allowed
- 2 firefighters for impairment caused by cancer.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:
- 4 Section 1. That § 9-16-3.3 be amended to read as follows:
- 5 9-16-3.3. A pension may shall be allowed pursuant to § 9-16-3.2 for any condition of
- 6 impairment of health caused by <u>primary brain cancer</u>, <u>malignant melanoma</u>, <u>leukem</u>ia, <u>multiple</u>
- 7 myeloma, non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, bladder cancer, ureter cancer, and kidney cancer resulting
- 8 in total or partial disability to an officer or member of a fire department who, upon entering such
- 9 service or after employment, successfully passed a physical examination which failed to reveal
- any evidence of such condition. This section pertains solely to pension matters under this
- chapter and does not restrict a claimant's ability to file for benefits under chapter 62-8 or change
- the burden of proof established in § 62-8-12. Any total disability allowance provided by this
- 13 section shall be equal to seventy-five percent of the highest annual compensation earned in any
- of the previous three years immediately preceding the date of the disability, this compensation
- shall be increased by ten percent for each child to a maximum of four children, to a maximum

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1 <u>of one hundred percent of highest annual compensation.</u>